GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004
UNDER UTILISATION OF STORAGE CAPACITY
Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector godowns are being under-utilised resulting in huge losses;

(b) if so, the details of capacity utilisation of these godowns alongwith the losses incurred during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether under-utilisation of these godowns have rendered a number of workers jobless;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to rehabilitate these workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.170 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) own and manage godowns in the country.

The FCI`s godowns are maintained for procurement of foodgrains, buffer stocking and for the Public Distribution System. The utilization of the godowns by the FCI varies according to the procurement pattern and lifting performance of various States. The capacity utilization of the FCI`s godowns at present is 42 percent.

The CWC`s godowns are used for both storing foodgrains and other commodities and are managed on commercial lines. The capacity utilization of the godowns of the CWC at present is 64 percent. The CWC has been consistently earning profits in the last three years.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.